



# Morning Highlights

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## Wildland Fire and Smoke Update

As of 9 am Monday, the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center had tallied 350 fires and 486,861 acres burned this year. At this time last year, 257 fires had burned 21,326 acres.

61 fires are active across Alaska and eight fires are (or soon will be) staffed with firefighters.

Naknek Fire	7 acres	8 personnel
Rock Slough Fire	5,018 acres	90 personnel
Bear Creek Fire	29,713 acres	34 personnel
Zitziana Fire	19,270 acres	11 personnel
Big River Fire	7,179 acres	6 personnel
Lunch Lake Fire	324 acres	12 personnel
Winter Trail Fire	2,310 acres	19 personnel
Minto Flats South	75,000 acres	50 personnel (estimate)

With the warmer, drier conditions, fire activity is increasing for much of the state. Smoke is expected to remain over most of interior Alaska at least through Wednesday, July 9, when a brief change in the weather pattern could bring a brief clearing to interior Alaska for 1-2 days. Warm and dry conditions are expected to return by late Thursday and persistent smoke can be expected to last several more days. To learn about protecting yourself from smoke, visit:

<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>

For daily fire information, please visit

<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf> and for a map of fire locations, click on "Fire Information" at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>

## Additional References

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
  - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
  - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
  - National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
  - Guide to Wildland Fire Suppression in AK: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/psa/Media%20Guide%20to%20AK%20Wildland%20Fire%20Suppression.pdf>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group- Education and Reference Materials: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>

- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/06Firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
- Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm>
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: [www.muni.org/fire](http://www.muni.org/fire)
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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